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In re: Helmut W. Kucera Docket No.: IR-2800(NBA)  
Serial No.: 09/627,312 Art Unit: 1773  
Filed: July 27, 2000 Examiner: Monique R. Jackson  
For: *"Two-Part Aqueous Metal Protection Treatment"*

**AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**  
**UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

Honorable Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
and Trademarks  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 18, 2003, Applicants amend the subject application. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

*n.b.* Applicants believe that the reference article now cited is prior art, and are seeking an official publication from a dated reference source, as of the instant mailing date.

**Remarks**

**Claim Status**

Originally filed claims 1-48 are pending and examined. The Examiner objected to claims 14-26 and 38-45. The Examiner rejected originally filed claims 1-4, 8-9, 11, 13, 27-30, 32, 35, and 37 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b); and rejected originally filed claims 5-7, 10, 12, 31, 33-34, 36, and 46-48 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a). Claims 1 - 48, as amended, are pending.

**Section 102 Claim Rejections**

Applicants thank the Office for the review and examination of the claims. In Paragraph 6 of the Office Action the Examiner rejected claims 1-4, 8-9, 11, 13, 27-30, 32, 35, and 37 as being anticipated by Faigen U.S. Patent 3,912,548 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection with